GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS TO REDUCE OZONE DEPLETION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of international agreements signed by the Government on various schemes to reduce Ozone depletion; and

(b) the details of funds provided by international organisations for such schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) The Vienna Convention (1985) for the protection of Ozone Layer is the only treaty for protection of the ozone layer.Further,the Montreal Protocol was established in 1987 to phase-out Ozone Depleting Substances (ODSs).India became a Party to the Vienna Convention for the protection of Ozone Layer on 19th June,1991 and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer on 17th September, 1992. Further, India ratified the Copenhagen, Montreal and Beijing Amendments of the Montreal Protocol on 3rd March, 2003.

(b) The Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund (MLF) for implementation of Montreal Protocol had approved 296 projects involving funding of about Rs.1000 crores for phasing out 12405 Ozone Depleting Potential (ODP) tons in consumption and 33683 ODP tons in production sectors of the ODSs.